



MEDIA ADVISORY

Today's Date: November 5, 2014
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CALTRANS TO HOST RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY ON STATE ROUTE 140 IN MERCED

WHO: Malcolm Dougherty, Director, Caltrans.

WHAT: State Route 140 Bradley Overhead Project Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be hosted by the Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

WHEN: Friday, November 7, 2014, at 1:00 P.M.

WHERE: The intersection of State Route 140 and East Santa Fe Avenue in Merced

The \$41.2 million project replaced the existing Bradley Overhead Bridge with a new structure that improved the existing vertical clearance from the bridge to the railroad tracks, and enhanced stopping distance for motorists. The project also converted SR-140 from two-lanes to a four-lane conventional highway from Parsons Avenue to just east of Santa Fe Avenue. In addition, crews constructed wider shoulders, new pedestrian walkway and bicycle path, new bridge rails, a continues left-turn lane in the median, realigned a portion of Baker Drive and Santa Fe Avenue, and new signal lights were installed at the intersections of Kelly Avenue, Parsons Avenue and Santa Fe Avenue. The project is easing congestion, improving mobility, decreasing travel times, accommodating future traffic demands within the project limits, and enhancing safety for both commute and recreational traffic in Merced County.

Other speakers include: Caltrans District 10 Director Dennis T. Agar; Hubert "Hub" Walsh Jr., District 2, Merced County Board of Supervisors; Mayor Stan Thurston, City of Merced; and Marjie Kirn, Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) Executive Director.

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